

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for the automated ~~ion~~ handling of availability-checking, reservation and allocation processes in relationship to ~~for~~ localized products and/or services on offer, wherein against the background of a need on the user's side under utilization of a supraregional communications link ~~and on the basis of a user's requirement~~, the method comprising:

- a) on the user's side a specification is carried out concerning an offer on the offeror's side selecting a provider's product or service;
- b) the user transmitting an identification code is transmitted by the user's side; and
- c) a reservation under storage of the identification and a provision of a reservation and identification information to an identification the provider reserving a selected item, storing the identification code, and forwarding a reservation and code information to a code verification system are carried out by the offeror's side;

and wherein under utilization of a local-area communications link;

- d) triggering a non-contact, proximity code identification verification is carried out when the user enters within a close-up range of the code identification verification system; and
- e) a granting an of access to the user is carried out upon a positive code identification verification.

2. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the supraregional communications link is a mobile ~~radio telephone~~ network system.

3. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile ~~radio telephone~~ network system.

4. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio ~~network~~ link.

5. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the identification ~~code~~ for a particular use is issued for a limited area or time.

6. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the local-area communications link is ~~enabled~~ activated by the user.

7. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the non-contact ~~code~~ identification verification is accomplished by optical means.

8. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein the ~~code~~ identification provided by the user's side for transmission and/or verification purposes is released by selective activation.

9. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes are performed with an aid of a central ~~mainframe~~ processing system.

10. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 9, wherein the central ~~mainframe~~ processing system is equipped with data telecommunications interfaces as well as systems for ~~inquiry~~ analysis, availability checking, the generation and transmission of ~~product or service offers~~, ~~code~~ identification acceptance and storage, communication with ~~code~~ identification verification and/or access authorization systems and point-of-sale management units.

11. (Previously Presented) Method as in claim 1, wherein the user employs the method for reserving parking space in park garage systems and obtaining access to the parking space thus reserved.

12. (Currently Amended) Method as in claim 1, wherein, under utilization of a ~~code~~ identification and of an information related to its use, an accounting statement is automatically generated.